

ABSTRACT

Managing a plurality of multifunction network devices on a  
network, each multifunction network device having a plurality of hardware  
resources including a storage memory for storing a plurality of function  
modules, a program memory for use by the function modules and a processor  
for executing each of the function modules, including detecting a  
reconfiguration event for one of the plurality of multifunction network  
devices, sending a reconfiguration command to the one multifunction network  
device, the reconfiguration command being a deletion command to delete at  
least one of the function modules or an allocation command to reallocate an  
amount of at least one of the hardware resources available for use by each of  
the plurality of function modules, and receiving confirmation that the one  
multifunction network device has been reconfigured in accordance with the  
reconfiguration command.